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1. CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 5 HEAVILY DOMINATED BY STORIES AND PHOTO-
GRAPHS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT SADAT AT
WHITE HOUSE. PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLEDGE TO
DEVOTE "ALL EFFORT" TO ACHIEVE ME PEACE. FROM SADAT'S REMARKS, TWO
OF THREE PAPERS CHOSE BANNER: "PALESTINIAN PROBLEM FIRST" (AKHBAR).
REPORTING ALSO GAVE SPECIAL NOTICE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARK
THAT EGYPTIAN PEOPLE STRONGLY SUPPORT THEIR PRESIDENT.

2. ARMS. THIS IS CONSIDERABLE SPACE GIVEN OVER TO WHAT PRESS
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BELIEVES WILL BE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM USG TO EGYPTIAN "REQUEST"
FOR F-5E'S. AKHBAR CITES NBC BROADCAST SUGGESTIONG PRESIDENT CARTER
IS "EXPECTED" TO SUPPLY SUCH AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT AND AHAM HAS
QUARTER PAGE DESCRIPTIVE REPORT OF AIRCRAFT WITH PICTURES. REUTER
DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON ALSO CITED AS REPORTING USG WILL RESPOND
TO "ALL" EGYPTIAN REQUESTS FOR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID. EACH
PAPER ALSO RECORDS CONCERN EXPRESSED BY ISRAELI LEADERS OVER THIS

ISSUE.

3. PRESS REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT CONCURRENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL WEALTH ZAKI YAMANI, WHO TOLD 20 CONGRESSMEN THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT IS "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND THAT SAG SUPPORTS ALL REQUESTS SADAT WILL PUT TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

4. IN LINE WITH STORIES' UPBEAT REPORTING, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING "CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM" THAT 1977 WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY WORK ENERGETICALLY FOR ME SETTLEMENT. SPOKESMAN ALSO QUOTED, HOWEVER, AS SAYING PRESIDENTS DID NOT DISCUSS ARMS IN THEIR PRELIMINARY TALKS.

5. EDITORIALS. AHRAH CONTINUES ITS LOW KEY TREATMENT OF VISIT (REFTEL), SUGGESTING THAT GAUGE OF POSSIBILITY FOR PEACE WILL BE EXTENT USG UNDERSTANDING OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. GUMHURIYYA, HOWEVER, CITES PRESIDENT SADAT'S PARIS PRESS CONFERENCE'S REMARKS ON HOW ISRAEL SEEKS "DICTATE" CONDITIONS AND MISLEAD THE WORLD ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE SO AS TO DELAY THE FINAL PEACE. AKHBAR PRAISES BOTH PRESIDENTS FOR CLARITY OF VISION, WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE BRIDGE FOR US UNDERSTANDING OF ARAB RIGHTS. MR. CARTER'S REMARKS ON HOMELAND "CAN BE SOUND START TO REMEDYING THE ROOTS OF THE AREA DISPUTE."

6. ANTI-SADAT PRESS. LEFTIST OPPOSITION EDGES INTO PRINT APRIL 3 WITH ROSE AL-YOUSEF ARTICLE BY PHILIP GHALLAB, (MOST SENIOR OF MARXISTS ARRESTED THEN RELEASED IN WAKE JANUARY RIOTS) WHO SCORES "CONDITIONS" PRESIDENT CARTER HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SET FOR PEACE. HE COMPLAINS PALESTINIAN ISSUE HAS BEEN TURNED INTO REFUGEE PROBLEM WHICH ARABS ARE TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES AND THEN WITH ISRAEL, PERHAPS ASKING GOI TO MAKE REPARATIONS. GHALLAB ALSO OBJECTS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S DESCRIPTION OF CREATION OF ISRAEL ("ON THE DEBRIS OF THE PAL-ESTINIAN PEOPLE") AS ONE OF THE FINEST ACTS EVER. THUS, GHALLAB CONCLUDES, THERE IS MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BREZHNEV'S PEACE PLAN AND WASHINGTON'S STAND. MAJOR ISSUE SADAT MUST FACE IN US IS WHETHER USG WILL PRESSURE ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY AND RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

7. LEFTIST/NASSERIST OPPOSITION, SURFACED FIRST BY HAYKAL (CAIRO 5603) AND CARRIED ON BY GHALLAB, IS ANSWERED APRIL 5 IN AHRAH. COMMENTATOR MAKES SLASHING ATTACK ON HAYKAL, WHO "FOR MANY YEARS SOUGHT TURN JUSTICE INTO OPPRESSION" AND NOW "LAMENTS" FATE OF THE PALESTINIANS WHILE HE REALLY ONLY MOURNS HIS OWN LOST POWER, VANQUISHED PRIDE AND DEFEATED AROGANCE. CRITICIZING HAYKAL'S CLAIM THAT JANUARY INCIDENTS WERE POPULAR UPRISING, COMMENTATOR CONCLUDES THE HAYKAL IS ILLOGICAL. THOSE WHO SUGGEST

EGYPTIAN PEOPLE ARE NOW RISING AGAINST THEIR OWN VICTORY CAN ONLY
BE LOYAL TO NON-EGYPTIAN QUARTERS.
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